Appendix I

[Vide Answer to Starred Question No. 563 on page 138.]

(*a*) *The time normally taken for the sanction of pension after retirement of a Government Servant.*—Ordinarily orders sanctioning the pension should be issued not later than the date on which an officer is due to retire from service but in actual practice delays occur in some cases and pensions are sanctioned after the date of retirement. The time taken for sanctioning the pension varies from case to case depending on the availability of all the records required for sanctioning the pension in complete shape, viz., Service Books, application for pension, etc. It also depends on the date on which action was initiated to sanction the pension, i.e., whether it was initiated well in advance before the date of retirement of the officer or not and the charges, if any, pending against the officer and the time taken for arriving at a final decision on these charges. In the circumstances stated above it may not be possible to fix a time limit for the sanction of pension in all cases.

(*b*) *The number of cases of Government servants who retired before* 1*st October* 1961 *and whose pensions have not been sanctioned till now.*—The number of cases pending is 630.

(*c*) *The reasons for the delay.*—The main reason for the delay in sanctioning the pensions is that the entries made in the Service Books of some officers regarding the services rendered and the emoluments drawn by them from time to time are often found to be incomplete. This results in prolonged correspondence with the Accountant-General, Madras and consequently delay in sanctioning their pensions. In some cases the delay is due to the fact that charges are pending against the retired Government Servants.

Appendix II

[Vide Answer to Starred Question No. 564 on page 139.]

A.—The Government of India have executed the necessary agreement with the Russian authorities for the implementation of the Surgical Instruments Projects at Guindy at a cost of Rs. 5•55 crores. The factory site and the site for the housing colony have been taken over by the Project Authorities and levelled to the required extent. A building to house the field divisional office and another for the storage of building materials have been completed. Work has commenced on the Technicians' Hostel which will accommodate the Russian Experts. The construction of a circuit house has also been taken on hand. Plans and estimates for the Administrative Block are under preparation. The construction of 250 houses will commence shortly. Work has also been taken on hand on the provision of water-supply to the factory. The factory is likely to go into production by 1964.